

and dread any excitement or fatigue. I am very much relieved to know that you are to keep your place as Librarian. It makes the way clear for you for another year and I am thankful. Of course we don't feel any more at liberty to spend even if there should be some left in nursery business this year. I am willing to hear any thing you may have to say about the and have on some subjects great respect for your opinions, but we will leave all that till you come home. Papa says tell you the fare on ~~rd~~ R.R. from Niles is now reduced to \$1.15 to Oakland. Let us know if you will come Friday eve or Sat. morn. Shall be glad to see Rhoda but ~~should~~

think she would rather come when she can stay longer. The strawberries will not wash. If I washed them they would not carry so well. I would send along a bottle of cream but the postal lord forbids sending liquids by mail. Acknowledge the strawberries to Papa. He was so good about it went out and helped me pick them and fix the box  
Niles Tuesday  
Dear Millie  
I am very sure there is nothing in the vegetable line that is silver that florists call any leaves that have white vari (I believe I don't know how to spell that word, guess I better say) spots; argent. It seems to me your motto would be prettier ~~and~~ if you would cut out the U.C. from gold paper, and the 79. from silver paper and then sprinkle <sup>blue</sup> flowers all over both not thick enough to hide the silver and gold. You could make little holes in the paper and put the stems through and have some letters cut out of paste board and



Say to  
Mrs. Sill  
that if  
it would  
be pleasant  
for her  
to come  
up and  
bring  
both Mr  
and Mrs  
Dummer  
we have  
plenty  
of space  
in our  
rooms.  
You must  
indeed.

and give the gold and silver  
letters on to the paste board ones  
after the flowers were put in  
This would hold them in  
place. If you would like  
I can send you a quantity  
of blue Larkspur for that use.

If you do not like the idea  
I can think of nothing so  
good as the back side of  
some of those fern leaves

As to your poem all I can  
say is, don't worry over it,  
such things generally come  
out all right and one is sure  
to wonder afterwards that  
they could have got themselves  
into such a state of mind.

As to what Mrs. Sill said on  
the boat of L.C., it was very  
absurd of you to try to assume  
the responsibility. I always

Of course  
I know

thought

it quite enough for a person  
to be accountable for their own  
tongue without being responsible  
for anybody else's. However I have  
lived long enough and been  
through with scares enough of  
that kind to be willing almost  
to insure that nothing unpleasant  
would come of it. When one's  
back is turned and the rattle  
of the cars added a person in  
the next seat hears very little  
and Mrs. Sill never talks loud

I must say I think it was  
rude for Mrs. Sill not to  
reply to my invitation, a postal  
written by any member of the  
family would have been all  
sufficient, but it doesn't matter  
I shall not lay it to heart. As  
to coming down I do not expect  
to go down. I am not very well



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